

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (New) Electromagnetic valve, comprising:

a magnet armature,

a magnet core member,

a valve seat having first and second opposing faces wherein said first face engages a valve closure member,

a valve housing within which a valve coil is fitted and which accommodates the valve closure member and the valve seat, wherein the valve housing includes a one-piece sleeve fabricated from a first unitary piece of material having a uniform cross-section throughout, wherein said one-piece sleeve includes a sidewall portion extending from a bottom portion, wherein said bottom portion abuts the second face of the valve seat and wherein the sidewall portion of the one-piece sleeve includes a stepped portion that accommodates a ring filter, and

a retaining collar fabricated from a second unitary piece of material having a uniform cross-section throughout, wherein said retaining collar is fixedly attached to the valve housing.

14. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 13, wherein the magnet armature is arranged a stepped piston attached to the valve closure member.

15. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 13, wherein said one-piece sleeve is fixed to said retaining collar by way of welding.

16. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 13, wherein said sleeve is fixed to said retaining collar by expanding the sleeve in the retaining collar.

17. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 13, further including a plug, wherein said sidewalls of said one-piece sleeve extend along a first direction from said bottom portion and terminate to form an opening within which said plug, at least partially, resides.

18. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17, wherein said plug closes said opening.

19. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17, wherein said plug is not movable relative to said magnet armature.

20. (New) Electromagnetic valve as claimed in claim 17, further including:
a ring seal, wherein said ring seal peripherally surrounds said one-piece sleeve along a portion of said one-piece sleeve that extends along said first direction.